

### Leaders Agree to Work Together on Great Lakes

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CHICAGO (AP) -- Dozens of state and federal leaders meeting in Chicago today have agreed to collaborate on a long-term plan to protect and preserve the Great Lakes.

The officials signed a declaration of their support for the plan.

Illinois Congressman Rahm Emanuel says cleaning up the Great Lakes is important and more funding is still needed.

And U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky cautioned that the collaboration shouldn't turn into just another study of how to fix the Great Lakes. She says it's time to act.

E-P-A chief Michael Leavitt says cooperation like this is messy and hard to do but necessary. And he says it's time to pick up the pace when it comes to Great Lakes clean-up.